

City of Rockville Environment Commission

Sustainable Development and Energy Committee (SDEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Diamondback Terrapin Room, City Hall

1. Welcome / Agenda Review/Minutes Adoption

- In attendance: Clark Reed (via phone), John Becker, Lea Rosenbohm, Herb Winkler and staff liaison Erica Shingara.
- The meeting convened at 7:10. The June meeting minutes were approved.

2. Environment Commission Report

- The Commission continued interviews and selected an applicant to fill the vacant position.
- The Commission received presentations on zero waste, sediment and erosion control amendments, recycling outreach, and litter.
- YERT movie updates- Clark Reed donated a DVD to the Montgomery County public library system. The movie must first be reviewed before it is accepted for circulation. The Croydon Creek Nature Center is planning a movie viewing in October (details to follow). The Commission is encouraged to explore publicity opportunities for the October showing.
- Rockville Summit
 - John Becker- evaluating committee options that do not pose schedule conflicts
 - Herb Winkler- participating on the Education and School Capacity Committee
 - Clark Reed- participating in the Housing Committee; however, he may have schedule conflicts

3. Environmental Management Division Report

- The new City Manager, Barbara Burns Matthews, will start in October.
- Four EMD staff will be presenters/facilitators at the Water Environment Federation (WEF) conference in July.
- TapIt launched and 2 new businesses have signed up for a total of 6 local businesses.
- Rainscapes Rewards now allows rebates for smaller tree varieties to encourage tree planting in areas with space limitations.
- A draft of the Rock Creek Watershed Study should be available in August for review and a presentation to the Mayor and Council is tentatively scheduled for September.
- Universities at Shady Grove Community Day will be held on September 22, 10-3 p.m. – Rockville will have a table to showcase environmental and sustainability initiatives. Several other green speakers and firms will be there. The Commission and Committees are invited to participate at the booth and tour the green building.

4. High Performance Building Tax Credit Outreach

- An outreach event with the Chamber is *tentatively* scheduled for September.
- The Committee suggested a panel of experts: LEED contractor, energy experts, financing, and a local case study to help answer property owner questions and provide guidance on where to start
- The Committee will help identify potential participants and market the program.

5. SDEC & Kilowatt Crackdown Work Plan

- The SDEC returned to the 2012 work plan and the Energy Efficiency Competition implementation plan. The Committee accepted the introduction and summary of goals. Individual implementation plans for each goal will need to be established.
- Clark Reed reviewed the implementation plan for launching a commercial energy efficiency competition in January.
- Action item: Clark Reed will email the draft workplan to the SDEC for review. When completed, the work plan will be brought to the Environment Commission for consideration.

6. Member News / Announcements / Upcoming Events

- No new announcements.

7. Wrap-up and Adjourn

The next SDEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, August 21, 2012** at Rockville City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.